

Promises of God

14. Forgiveness



I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Meaning: The word "forgive" is defined as to send forth, forsake, lay aside, or omit. Unlike man, God truly is forgiving. He puts our sin at the bottom of the sea (Micah 7:19), as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12), and behind His back (Isaiah 38:17). God wants us to forgive others like He has forgiven us (Matthew 18:21-35).

Application: The steps to receiving the forgiveness God promises are simple. First, you must repent of your sin and accept Jesus as your personal Saviour (Ephesians 1:6, 7). After salvation, our sin nature has a tendency to trespass God and man. Secondly, to receive forgiveness, we must confess our sin (I John 1:9), and forgive others (Mark 11:25). There is no sin too great that God cannot forgive it if we will acknowledge and confess it before Him (Psalm 32:5).

Other Verses for Study: Isaiah 55:7; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13; Hebrews 8:12

1. What is one thing God does with our sin? _____
2. What is the very first thing one must do to receive God's forgiveness?

3. How should we forgive others? _____

"If you are pardoned once you are forgiven once-for all, irreversible acquittals God bestows; for the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable."